

declared the following to have been duly elected members of the Society :

2199. Hon. George William Curtis, New York city, N. Y.

2200. Anthony J. Drexel, Esq., Philadelphia.

2201. Prof. Edward A. Leech, Ph.D., Director U. S. Mint, Washington, D. C.

2202. Hon. Seth Low, LL.D., President Columbia College, New York city, N. Y.

Dr. E. D. Cope offered the following amendment to Chapter ix, Section 1, of the Laws :

The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be on the first and third Fridays of every month, from September to the third Friday in June inclusive, at eight o'clock in the evening.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, March 4, 1892.

Present, 27 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

Acceptances of membership were read as follows :

Mr. Anthony J. Drexel, Philadelphia.

Hon. Seth Low, New York city, N. Y.

Hon. George William Curtis, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

A circular was received from the Linnean Society of New South Wales, announcing the death of its President, Sir William Macleay.

A letter from P. Steiner (Darmstadt) in reference to his language, *Pasilengua*.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Institut

Egyptien, Cairo (135); Académie R. Danoise des Sciences, etc., Copenhagen (135); K. Bibliothek, Berlin (135); Deutsche Seewarte, Hamburg (135); Verein für Erdkunde, Netz (135); R. Accademia di Scienze, etc., Padova (135); Natural History Society, Montreal (136); Mr. Hamilton A. Hill, Boston (136); Free Public Library, New Bedford, Mass. (136); Prof. Burt G. Wilder, Ithaca, N. Y. (136); American Museum of Natural History, New York city (97, 99, 100, 101, 127-135); New Jersey Historical Society, Newark (136); Messrs. Cadwalader Biddle, Samuel Dickson, Philadelphia (136); Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore (136); U. S. Naval Observatory, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Anthropological Society, Patent Office, War Department (136), Department of Agriculture (136), Dr. W. J. Hoffman, Rt. Rev. J. J. Keane, Capt. Thomas Jefferson Lee, Messrs. Charles A. Schott, William B. Taylor, Washington, D. C. (136); University of Tennessee, Knoxville (136); Georgia Historical Society, Savannah (136); University of Cincinnati (99-130, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv); Colonel William Ludlow, Detroit, Mich. (136); Indiana Society of Civil Engineers, Remington (136); Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal. (96-130, 136, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv); Sociedad Científica "Antonio Alzate," Mexico (136); Academy of Science, Tacoma, Wash. (96-130, 136, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv); Wyoming University Experiment Station, Laramie (136).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the K. N. F. Universitetel, Christiania, Norway; Statistika Central Byrån, Stockholm, Sweden; Académie R. Danoise des Sciences, etc., Copenhagen; Prof. P. Steiner, Darmstadt, Germany; Prof. Léon Douay, Nice, France; Academy of Arts, San Fernando, Spain; Société de Géographie, Lisbon, Portugal; Sir J. D. Hooker, London, Eng.; Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.; Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.; John M. Berry, Worcester, Mass.; Rochester Academy of Science; Free Public Library, Jersey City; Mr. W. J. Potts, Camden; Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Academy of Natural Sciences, Dr. Persifor Frazer, Messrs. MacCalla & Co., Dr.

Charles A. Oliver, Philadelphia; U. S. Naval Observatory, War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Virginia, Mississippi, Arkansas; Denison University, Granville, O.; State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The amendment to the Laws of the Society (Chap. ix, § 1) came up for action. Due proof of advertisement and notice of same having been first submitted, and a constitutional quorum being present, the Society then proceeded to consider the same.

Dr. Cope moved that it be adopted.

Mr. Vaux moved as an amendment that it be indefinitely postponed.

A vote being taken, Mr. Vaux's motion was carried, and the consideration of the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The Publication Committee reported that the papers by Dr. Cope had been placed in the printers' hands, and that the illustrations to accompany them had been ordered to be prepared; and that Vol. xvii, Part i, had been ordered to be closed and distributed when printed.

Dr. Bonwill read a paper entitled "Geometry and Mechanics Deny Evolution," which he illustrated with diagrams and specimens.

Dr. Cope spoke against some of the propositions set forth by Dr. Bonwill, and exhibited specimens of early dentition from Spuy, Belgium.

Dr. Cope offered for the Proceedings a paper on "Tiaporus, a New Genus of Teiidæ."

Mr. Price, Chairman of the Hall Committee, presented the following report:

TO THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY:

The Hall Committee respectfully reports that they have carefully considered the matter of a fireproof in the new building to preserve the valuable books, papers and documents belonging to the Society, which was referred by it to them. They have called in consultation with them Messrs. Wilson & Bros., the architects of the building, who have prepared detailed drawings for the construction of a fireproof 4 feet by 14 feet in

the clear inside and reaching from the floor to the ceiling, and situate in the southeast corner of the northern room on second floor, which will afford ample room for many years to come for the protection from fire of valuable books, papers and documents and articles of various kinds, which may need such care and preservation. They have also received an estimate from Messrs. Stacy Reeves & Sons to construct and complete the same for the sum of \$278. They therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved. That the report of the Committee be accepted, and they are directed to have said fireproof constructed under the direction of the architect, in accordance with the plans prepared by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SERGEANT PRICE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Price, the report was accepted, and the resolution contained therein was adopted by the Society.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted by the Society :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to consider and report to the Society upon the advisability of an annual grant for the purpose of aiding the publication or assuming the entire cost of publishing transcripts of the Babylonian tablets, on deposit in the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.*

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, March 18, 1892.

Present, 9 members.

Mr. WOOD in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Société de Littéraire Finnoise, Helsingfors; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Meteorological Office, London; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.; Department of State, Washington, D. C.

* The President subsequently appointed Messrs. Williams, Du Bois and Price as such Committee.